

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application Serial No. 10/751,470
Attorney Docket No. Q79189

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cartridge case, formed by fastening upper and lower cases of synthetic resin together, and having a tape leader opening formed in upper and lower side walls of said upper and said lower cases;

a single tape reel having magnetic tape wound thereon and rotatably housed within said cartridge case; and

a tape leader pin, firmly attached to a leading end of said magnetic tape, and detachably held in an upright state between said upper and lower cases so that said tape leader pin faces said tape leader opening;

wherein said tape leader pin has axially opposite flanges; and

wherein ~~said magnetic tape has a width of 14 mm, and said axially opposite flanges are thinned so that~~ a length of said tape leader pin is 18.7 mm.

Claim 2 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a leader-pin holding spring attached to said cartridge case near said tape leader opening;

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wherein said tape leader pin is detachably held by said leader-pin holding spring that elastically abuts said axially opposite flanges in a horizontal direction.

Claim 3 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a U-shaped clip attached to walls near said tape leader opening to fasten said upper and said lower cases together.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:
a cartridge case, formed by fastening upper and lower cases of synthetic resin together, and having a tape leader opening formed in upper and lower side walls of said upper and said lower cases;

a single tape reel having magnetic tape wound thereon and rotatably housed within said cartridge case; and

a tape leader pin, firmly attached to a leading end of said magnetic tape, and detachably held in an upright state between said upper and lower cases so that said tape leader pin faces said tape leader opening;

~~wherein at least one of said upper and said lower cases includes a metal reinforcement member embedded only in the at least one of said upper and said lower cases, said reinforcement member forming an outermost surface of said cartridge case~~
metal reinforcement members are embedded in the upper and lower cases, respectively, near said tape leader opening, in which a

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first metal reinforcement member is provided above said tape leader pin and a second metal reinforcement member is provided below said tape leader pin.

Claim 5 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a leader-pin holding spring attached to said cartridge case near said tape leader opening;

wherein said tape leader pin has axially opposite flanges and is detachably held by said leader-pin holding spring that elastically abuts said axially opposite flanges in a horizontal direction.

Claim 6 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a U-shaped clip attached to walls near said tape leader opening to fasten said upper and said lower cases together.

Claim 7 (new): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein a thickness of each of said axially opposite flanges is 1.1 mm.